

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

D.T.E. 04-52

FOURTH SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS TO
THE BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) submits to The Berkshire Gas Company (“Berkshire” or “Company”) the following Information Requests.

Instructions

The following instructions apply to this set of Information Requests and all subsequent Information Requests issued by the Department to the Company in this proceeding.

1. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate, three-hole punch page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number, the docket number of the case and the name of the person responsible for the answer.
2. Do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. File the responses as they are completed but no later than the close of business on **August 16, 2004**.
3. These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if the respondent or its witnesses receive or generate additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.
4. The term “document” is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills, checks, articles from journals or other sources and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.
5. If any one of these requests is ambiguous, notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
6. Please serve one (1) original copy of the responses on Mary Cottrell, Secretary of the Department, and one (1) copy to each party on the latest service list. Also submit eight (8) copies of the responses to Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer. Nonproprietary

responses should also be submitted electronically by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and to all persons on the service list.

7. Responses for which the Company seeks protective treatment should be marked confidential, along with an attached motion for protective treatment, and submitted to the Hearing Officer. Redacted copies should be filed with the Secretary.

Information Requests

- DTE-4-1 Please refer to the Schedule of Exogenous Security Costs in Supplemental Schedule 3, page 2 of the Company's compliance filing. Please confirm that the Company incurred \$3,162.40 in security costs in year 2001, \$165,560.80 in year 2002, and \$4,952.23 in year 2003.
- DTE-4-2 For each line item in Supplemental Schedule 3, page 2, please provide the following:
1. the portion that was booked to operating expenses
 2. the portion that was capitalized
 3. if capitalized, the account numbers to which these expenditures were booked, the nature of the expenditure categorized, the number of years over which the expenditure is being depreciated, and the reason for the depreciation accrual rate applied to the expenditure.
- DTE-4-3 Using each of the expenditures booked to operating expenses in DTE-4-2, and applying the depreciation accrual rates to each of the capitalized items identified in DTE-4-2, please calculate an annualized expense level associated with each of the total cost values for the years 2001, 2002, and 2003.